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LANDINGS BY FISHING VESSELS AT SEATTLE DURING DECEMBER

In 24 trips to North Pacific grounds during December, a total of 292,000 pounds of fishery products, valued at \$12,000, was landed at Seattle, Washington, by United States vessels in the halibut fleet, according to figures released today by the Seattle Fishery Market News office of the Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior. Species landed included rockfishes, sablefish, "lingcod", and halibut, the latter caught under supervision of the International Fisheries Commission in connection with tagging experiments.

This compares with 91,000 pounds of fishery products, valued at \$5,386, for December 1939.

For the entire 12 months of 1940, the total landings at Seattle amounted to 22,357,000 pounds, worth \$2,077,000 to the fishermen—a decrease of 1,395,000 pounds in volume, but an increase of \$147,000 in value over 1939.

Halibut landings for the year of 1940, as revised in accordance with the latest available data from the International Fisheries Commission, amounted to 51,528,000 pounds. For 1939, a total of 49,608,000 pounds was landed.

December receipts by Seattle wholesale dealers, exclusive of the halibut fleet and receipts from Alaska and Canada, totaled 911,000 pounds, worth \$60,000, spread

among 20 classifications. This is comparable to 916,000 pounds, worth \$57,000, for December 1939. Totals for the entire year of 1940 amount to 29,090,000 pounds, valued at \$1,820,000. Compared with a catch of 24,531,000 pounds, worth \$1,435,000 for the year of 1939, this indicates an increase of 19 percent in volume, and 27 percent in value.

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